



# Seattle Police

## "Thank an Employee"

### Commendation

#### Name

#### Comments

To provide you with these monthly commendations in a timely manner, please note that some may be redacted and paraphrased appropriately, and/or transcribed exactly as found in its original format, complete with any erroneous spelling. Specific details about incident numbers, complainants or victims from the incident are also removed from the commendation where appropriate.

#### Employee(s)

April 2019

Kira Guzman #8506 Michael Freese #6962 Andrei Constantin #8379 James Stevens #6673 Hyung Kim #7934 Pete Cavinta Jr #6246 Jeffrey Barnes #5436 Benjamin Sommer #8399 Robert Copodanna #8620	<i>A citizen reported a male hitting his door with a 2x4 trying to gain entry. When that failed, the suspect moved to a neighbor's house and started hitting that door. The occupants of the 2nd residence are elderly, severely disabled, and would be unable to defend themselves. Officers made contact with the male, who appeared high or in crisis, and Officers Constantin and Stevens were able to establish a rapport and keep him at bay until the backing officers arrived. The suspect kept his hand in his pocket as if he had a weapon, and was yelling that officers would have to shoot him to stop him. A contact team was formed, and on my arrival Officer Stevens requested a shield. They moved into position, maintained phenomenal communication with the suspect as well as each other, and talked him into surrendering with no use of force. The patience, professionalism, empathy, and teamwork demonstrated was exceptional and all officers involved should be commended. The other officers involved on scene took up containment spots, were actively engaged, and considered crossfire as well as escape routes. They were integral to the successful outcome of this incident. Every one made me proud to be their supervisor, and that we wear the same uniform.</i>
Amy Kagelmach #7629	<i>A caller wanted to thank Officer Amy Kagelmacher for her kindness and warmth leading the rider less horse during the procession. The caller spoke with Officer Kagelmacher afterwards, and she was very gracious. He wanted to let her know it was very much appreciated.</i>
Wenceslao Esteban #7165	<i>PEO Esteban took the majority of the parking calls the morning of 03/29/2019 without hesitation and asked for them all to be stacked to him. He was very proactive with getting the parking complaints cleared out, was polite and appreciative over the air, and made sure he wasn't stepping on any toes of hot calls on the radio. It did not go unnoticed, and was very much appreciated.</i>
Christopher Perry #8404	<i>Officer Perry was very kind with my mother when he made a wellness check on her. He was helpful and understanding when I talked to him on the phone. I am impressed with the Seattle Police force.</i>
Officer Name Not Provided	<i>I recently watched the KOMO show about Seattle, and thought SPD was unjustly blamed. You've been trying, I've seen it, but your hands are tied by forces beyond your control, and they expect you to put your lives in danger anyway. I wanted to say thank you, and be safe out there.</i>

<b>Alyssa Mustain #8548</b>	<i>She was the main officer I talked to, professional, very caring with the student and individuals in the school. I was very grateful that she was there and made such a good example for the students. Professional with the staff, with the parent and the student, she showed a lot of empathy toward the student, did a great job in general. She was with another officer and sergeant who were also both great (I can't recall their names).</i>
<b>Toner Eren #7238</b>	<i>I would like to direct attention to PEO Eren who has shown on multiple occasions he is proactive and willing to go the extra mile to assist police. In January, I met PEO Eren and asked him to keep an eye out for a motorhome occupied by a male with a DOC warrant. The very next day he contacted me with the exact location of the RV. We were able to arrest a violent criminal, a suspect in 3 stolen vehicles in the last few months, with no force being used. A week later he contacted me regarding a occupied, illegally parked vehicle with expired tabs. He added that the vehicle was parked near a house that police frequented. When my partners and I contacted the parties sleeping inside, we found that they had warrants for their arrests; all 3 were for stolen vehicles out of Seattle and had a total combined bail of over \$50,000. Those are just two examples of PEO Eren's work ethic and willingness to go above and beyond; he has also provided additional information to our unit that we found helpful.</i>
<b>Mark Mulvanny #5698</b> <b>Matthew Nichols #5705</b> <b>Jeff D. Martin #5730</b> <b>Edward Yamamoto #5088</b> <b>Gregory Neubert #5773</b> <b>Darren Long #6641</b>	<i>On behalf of Edmonds Community College, I would like to express our sincere and deep appreciation for your service and dedication in helping Juheon Kim's family and our campus community during this sad and difficult time. Your guidance and compassion exemplified the care with which you serve your community. Thank you for your steadfast commitment to finding a resolution for Juheon's family and for the support you provided to our Edmonds CC team during all the phases of the investigation. Your Public Information Office, Seattle Harbor Patrol, and Sergeant Ed Yamamoto went out of their way to be accommodating, sensitive, and respectful of the needs of Juheon's family in providing information and during his celebration of life. That was an act of kindness and compassion that will remain close to our hearts.</i>
<b>Donald Little #7531</b>	<i>Officer Little joined me for a security presentation to our Admin Managers forum. We talked about security partnerships and highlighted how the SPD Community Policing Team (especially Officer Little) helps our entire campus. out. I've gotten a lot of positive feedback from this event and so happy that Officer Little took time to speak to our Hutch community. Officer Little is a tremendous resource to Fred Hutch, continues to show his value in CPT, and he does a great job. Thank you Officer Little and SPD!</i>
<b>Vernon Baldwin #8418</b>	<i>Officers responded to a man calling 911 for help. He had stopped to help a disabled man who seemed to be having a mental crisis (was stating he couldn't find his way home, falling in the street, and asking for help). The officers spoke to him with kindness and patience. One helped the man in crisis calm down by, for example, checking his own watch and showing him that they both had the same time. Don't know why that worked, but it clearly did. With all the pressure on police departments lately, and all the flack you guys get in the news, I wanted to say that your officers did an excellent job de-escalating the situation. I walked away feeling so much respect for the work you all do as first responders and gratitude that you are there to help.</i>

<b>Jeffrey Barnes #5436</b>	<i>This officer stayed with and consoled a friend of mine who had broken her collar bone in a bicycle accident. She had waived the offer of an ambulance and waited for a ride by me. The officer was effective in keeping her calm, showing concern and compassion. We were impressed by his handling of the situation and wanted both him and the department to know how much we appreciated it. Keep up the good work and stay safe.</i>
<b>Paul A. Ducre #7527</b> <b>K9 Jedi</b>	<i>Jedi did a great job, and so did his partner. Outstanding job by both of you.</i>
<b>Jonathan McElroy #8591</b> <b>David Sullivan #6953</b> <b>Eduardo Lopez #8343</b> <b>Trent Schroder #6900</b>	<i>I would like to thank, in person if possible, the officers who first came onto my bus after I was shot. I get credit for being in the wrong place at the wrong time. These men and women intentionally put themselves in harms way every day, and don't receive the respect and admiration they deserve.</i>
<b>Nicholas Hughes #8408</b>	<i>He was very nice, helpful, friendly, polite, professional. His manner helped me to feel calm.</i>
<b>Raymond Hayden #8476</b>	<i>I want to thank Officer Hayden for his kindness and compassion when he responded to the death of our family member at home. Although it was an unexpected and sad event for our family, Officer Hayden did everything possible to provide emotional and logistical support for family members, while managing his duties with tact and discretion. We feel very fortunate to have Officer Hayden in our community.</i>
<b>Jonathan Edmonds #7850</b>	<i>I would like to take a moment to thank Latent Print supervisor Jonathan Edmonds for his efforts in an investigation. Due to circumstances, KCPA Deputy Attorney requested expedited fingerprint analysis on the evidence collected from multiple scenes. The Latent Print unit and Supervisor Edmonds completed the request in a timely manner and provided regular updates on the status of their findings. The end result was a positive hit on the suspect in custody, resulting in charges of Burglary 1st degree, Residential Burglary, and attempted Residential Burglary.</i>
<b>Richard McAuliffe #6403</b> <b>Darin VanPatter #8526</b>	<i>Officers were struggling to take a man into custody after violating a D/V court order. A citizen ran up to assist and was able to restrain his legs until additional units arrived. The citizen spoke glowingly of Officer McAuliffe and VanPatter, saying they did a spectacular job and were very professional. He also made positive comments about police in general. Both officers sustained injuries during the struggle, but the outcome could have been far worse if not for the courageous actions of the citizen.</i>

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**Alyssa Mustain #8548**

*I would like to recognize Officer Mustain for her outstanding work on a rape of a child investigation. Officer Mustain had volunteered to augment on her day off, and that afternoon she was assigned as primary to a child molestation incident. The teenaged victim had reported to her school counselor the uncle she was currently living with had sexually assaulted her several times in the past few weeks. After gathering information, Officer Mustain requested CPS respond, notified a supervisor, and was able to contact the victim's mother. The investigation had numerous complications: the victim and her mother had recently moved to Seattle and had limited means to find alternate housing, a language barrier, and the presence of another teenaged girl also living with the suspect and concerns that she could also be a victim. Additionally, the mother called the aunt and told her about the allegations, which were promptly reported to the uncle, alerting him to the fact that police were looking for him. Officers checked the residence and local area but were unable to locate the suspect; due to safety concerns for the victim, Officer Mustain placed her into protective custody with CPS. By now it was nearing the end of second watch and Officer Mustain could have written her report and turned the case over to the SAU detectives for follow-up. Instead she realized that based off the specifics there was likely evidence at the scene that could be collected and that time was of the essence. Officer Mustain wrote a search warrant and got it approved (with the assistance of Officer David Sullivan) and then she coordinated with 3rd watch to serve it. The warrant was served approximately 1 a.m. and not only did they collect various pieces of evidence, but the suspect was there and was placed under arrest. Officer Mustain worked nearly the entire night completing her reports. The SAU detective assigned to the case had this to say: "I was shocked by how much great work was done, and it made my job much easier. Getting the evidence warrant and the suspect in custody made, in my opinion, for a much greater likelihood of success in filing charges." The prosecutor's office did file charges, with more to possibly be added, and he received a high bail. Please thank Officer Mustain and all the others involved; it looks like several officers stayed hours past shift end.*

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**Officer Name Not Provided**

*At about 5:50 A.M. an officer let me know I was driving without lights before I entered I-5 and I am extremely grateful.*

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**Samuel Braboy #5780**

*Officer Braboy was professional, super nice, and didn't make a bad situation worse. Heck of a nice guy.*

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**John Paquette #6076**

*My front door was left open and my dog escaped. A neighbor found him and called 911. Officer Paquette did a walk through and left my dog inside. He was also kind enough to leave me a message. Thank you for your service!*

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**Dorian Koriero #7452**

*Officer Korieo exhibited the kind of professional police work every police department should be proud of. He solved a problem of a lost car in short order that I had had for almost a week.*

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<b>Officer Name Not Provided</b>	<i>We live in the apartments across the street from PCC, and this evening heard someone screaming on the street. I saw a man yelling at two Seattle Police officers (I couldn't hear what is being said, only that a lot of verbal abuse was being thrown in their direction) and both officers were standing calmly, not engaging with the man. Eventually he walked away, but I want to thank both officers for their handling of whatever situation that was. I doubt they deserved the treatment this man was throwing their way, and I want to say I truly appreciate the calm and professional way in which they handled this - I was certain the situation would escalate, but the officers remained collected throughout the incident. Please tell the officers I'm sorry for the treatment they received, and I appreciate their service!</i>
<b>Officer Name Not Provided</b>	<i>My neighbors and I appreciate the patrols being done in our alley, the 5000 block between 25 Ave SW and 26 Ave SW, due to an increased drug presence in our alley (strangers hanging out, walking the alley, doing drugs, sleeping in cars). This has become a problem in the past 6 months and we love seeing patrols back there to deter others from making the alley a "den" environment. Please drive through anytime! Including the middle of the night!</i>
<b>Kelly VanDyke #7228</b>	<i>The Fremont Chamber of Commerce Board Members would like to formally thank Kelly VanDyke for extraordinary, above and beyond, parking enforcement service in the Fremont neighborhood. We sincerely appreciate the attention in responding to RVs parked in violation around the neighborhood. Thank you!</i>
<b>Joseph Bauer #5334 Ronnie Traverso #5578 Simon Edison #6603 Jose Vargas #8457 Jeffery Thompson #6913 Steven Stewart #6823 Tyler Keating #7594 Garth Lindelef #8314 John Johns #8353 David Arino #8527 David Burrows #6894</b>	<i>I am an officer with the Spokane Police Department and wanted to reach out to you in regards to a case I have been working since February. We had a rash of thefts in which the suspect were stealing credit cards and using them to purchase pre-paid gift cards, profiting in the thousands of dollars. After arresting several of suspects, we learned that this group was only part of a larger collective working Distraction Thefts in California, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. From one confession, we were able to identify another suspect, which Seattle Police officers appended at his school. I am moving on a search warrant for that person's cellphone to help identify even more suspects, but right now we have submitted approximately 155 felony charges and are looking to charge approximately 120 more from this Spokane investigation. This wouldn't have been possible without the collaboration from many different agencies. I want to thank each and every one of you involved in helping me solve these crimes.</i>

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**F. Pete Sele #7778**

**Andrei Constantin #8379**

**Robert Terrell #8558**

**Brian Shaw #7513**

**Yves Luc #8640**

*I would like to commend Officer Pete Sele for his quick and decisive leadership skills which he clearly demonstrated during a disturbance aboard a Metro coach. The incident involved a person in crisis who was yelling about a gun and threatened to assault and kill the driver. Multiple calls were generated from passengers and bystanders. One caller reported that the passengers on the coach were so afraid that everyone on board evacuated. The subject in crisis also exited and continued to yell threats to harm and a gun was mentioned. He then entered the roadway and began to hit vehicles, causing traffic to stop. He was reported to be highly agitated and angry; additional witnesses reported him punching windows and trying door handles of occupied vehicles. He continued his rampage on foot into a residential neighborhood where he was contacted by officers while holding a brick in one hand and a knife in the other. Officer Constantin established a dialogue and gave commands as the officers on scene formed a contact team with lethal, less lethal, and arrest team. They implemented LEEDS and de-escalation tactics while they maintained distance and used time and shielding with a fence barrier. The subject was near a broken window and it was unknown if he had made entry. Officer Sele used a cover officer to check the house, which appeared unoccupied. Officer Sele then moved his patrol vehicle on the driveway next to the contact team to provide a barrier between the team and the suspect. As additional officers arrived, Officer Sele coordinated a second team of lethal and less lethal capabilities at the opposite end of the contact team. He calmly and clearly assigned roles for each officer as we awaited a supervisor's arrival. Shortly after they arrived, Officer Sele requested a shield and formed an arrest team. He communicated the plan with the two cover officer teams, and the arrest team took the subject into custody with only de minimis force used to restrain him. Officer Sele used sound tactics and calmly demonstrated effective leadership during this tense, rapidly evolving situation with a highly agitated and hostile subject who had already demonstrated destructive and violent tendencies. He applied his knowledge, skills, and experience as a lateral officer, A/Sgt, and Field Training Officer during the incident, as he also a student officer, lead by example.*

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**Bradley Richardson  
#6805**

*I was recently involved in a car accident, and I wanted to commend the officer who arrived on scene. Officer Richardson is one the best police officers I have come in contact with in a long time. He was kind to me while I was trying not to freak out and walked me through each step with grace and humor which kept an otherwise stressful situation calming. He even went above and beyond to duck tape my car back together so I could limp it home without having to call a tow truck. You should know you have a fantastic officer on your hands and I am lucky to know he is patrolling and keeping our city safe. So thank you for hiring officers who not only keep our city safe but, at the core, are good human beings.*

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**Officer Name Not  
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*I saw an officer helping a homeless gentleman with a plastic garbage bag and listening to whatever it was that person needed at that moment. The officer was polite, patient and listened. As an outsider to the situation, the homeless gentleman seemed to felt heard and comforted. The officer obviously couldn't offer an endless supply of food or shelter that this person needs long term, all he could give was listening and kindness. While not enough, it was just what the person needed. It was touching to see the office offer his time with abundance and how profound an impact it left on the moment.*

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**Mitchell Schaefer #8520** *Officer Schaefer was dispatched to a welfare check, called in by the subject's mother, because she had suggested suicidal ideations when the mother had spoken to her earlier. Officer Schaefer made contact and though she was clearly distraught and crying, the subject said she was upset due to financial reasons, reiterated that she was not suicidal, and declined assistance. When he called the mother back to advise results, the mother insisted the subject was not telling the truth and she was genuinely concerned for her. The mother also noted that her daughter was suffering from PTSD and didn't handle stress well and had attempted suicide before. Officer Schaefer decided to recontact the subject; this time she broke down and admitted she had made suicidal statements to her mother, and that once officers left her again, she had planned to overdose on prescription medication that she had. Officer Schaefer sent her to the hospital on a 72-hour evaluation, making sure to note that she had said the last time she went they just shuffled her out the door and did not provide her with any viable assistance. This was an excellent investigation by Officer Schaefer, where he did an extraordinary job of establishing a rapport and an excellent job of following through with the original caller to get the subject where she could get the help she needed.*

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**Juan Ornelas #6761** *Officer Ornelas responded to a hit-and-run collision. The victim vehicle sustained a substantial amount of damage and the driver was distraught. All that remained of the suspect vehicle was a piece of bumper with no license plate. Officer Ornelas located a part number on the bumper and contacted the Honda dealership regarding the part. He was informed that the part was sold by a nearby auto body shop, which he then contacted, and obtained a name, address, and license plate of the suspect vehicle. Officer Ornelas continued his follow up by responding to the suspect's address, obtaining a confession, and issuing a criminal citation for Hit and Run. This was an outstanding piece of police work and relentless follow up. Very well done!*

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**Jacob Masterson #8350** *I would like to bring your attention to the exceptional service recently provided by Officer Masterson. As you know, I was recently assigned the duties of Acting Lieutenant while our regular Watch Commander was away for an extended time. During that same three-month span, Officer Masterson filled in my position as Acting Sergeant. He willingly took on and embraced the role, and had my full confidence in doing so. He did not disappoint. During this stint, Officer Masterson had occasion to screen numerous arrests, reports and other incidents requiring supervisory involvement, and was also tasked with significant managerial duties that included timekeeping, scheduling of training and time off, conducting roll call training, Use of Force investigations, mitigating complaints, and several other demanding aspects of such a lengthy assignment. He also carried dual responsibilities in covering the other squad on nights where there was no Frank Sector Sergeant on duty. Officer Masterson handled all of this skillfully and without any significant issues, and I find it highly admirable that he was up to such a challenge despite not actually being on the Sergeant's list. He has my sincere thanks and is to be commended for a job well done.*

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<b>Terry Whalen #6879</b>	<i>I'm writing to say thank you. I was dealing with some harassment issues for almost a solid year.</i>
<b>Sierra Rambo #8446</b>	<i>The names above are all officers that came to my aid. Always showing up in remarkably fast time</i>
<b>Andrew Joy #8409</b>	<i>for a non-emergency call; always calm, professional, helpful and showing their full attention to my</i>
<b>Savannah Wood #8406</b>	<i>problem no matter how small or insignificant it seems to the larger problems their jobs demand.</i>
<b>Justin O'dell #8354</b>	<i>Once again, thank you to the great men and women that serve and protect me.</i>
<b>Jeffry Dotson #6800</b>	
<b>Vernon Kelley #6662</b>	
<b>Vincent Fason #8421</b>	
<b>Benjamin Coomer #8443</b>	
<b>Officer Name Not Provided</b>	<i>Tonight my family stopped for dinner in the town of Kalama at the Lucky Dragon Chinese restaurant. We noticed a group of 4 officers on their way back to Seattle after attending the funeral of Cowlitz County Officer Justin Derosier. My 9-year-old daughter could not stop starrng at them as she wants to be a police officer when she grows up. As we were getting up to leave, they got up and talk with us. One of them gave her stickers and then other gave her the button from her shirt. You have no idea what that has meant to my little girl. I did not catch their names, and wish I did. Thank you to the officers that made her so happy.</i>